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TRUST FUNDS

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Fund Committee

Trust funds

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director on additional sources of funding and management of trust funds (UNEP/GC.16/24),

1. Takes note of the report on additional sources of funding and management of trust funds and the developments relating to trust funds administered by the Executive Director as described in his Annual Reports for 1989 and 1990 (UNEP/GC.16/2 and 3);

2. Expresses its appreciation to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental institutions and other organizations that have increased their support to the programme by means of contributions to trust funds, specific counterpart activities and contributions in kind;

3. Notes with approval the establishment by the Executive Director since the fifteenth session of the Governing Council, under the authority delegated to him by the Secretary-General, of technical co-operation trust funds, as follows:

(a) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries to Take Action for the Protection of the Ozone Layer under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, financed by the Government of Finland - until 31 December 1992;

(b) INFOTERRA Technical Co-operation Trust Fund, financed by the Government of the United States of America - until 31 December 1993;

(c) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Provision of a Forestry Officer, financed by the Government of the United States of America - until 30 June 1991;

(d) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers, financed by the Government of Austria without a specific expiry date;

(e) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Financing of Professional Officers, financed by the Government of the Republic of Korea - until 31 December 1991;

(f) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Assist Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in Developing Countries, financed by the Swedish International Development Agency - until 31 December 1991;

(g) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers, financed by the Government of France, without a specific expiry date;

(h) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Financing of Professional Officers, financed by the Government of Finland, without a specific expiry date;

(i) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Develop and Co-ordinate the Implementation of the Plan for the Survey, Assessment and Dealing with the Consequences of Environmental Damage Caused by Conflict Between Kuwait and Iraq;

(j) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for UNEP's Implementation of the Activities Funded by the Global Environmental Facility;

(k) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Assist Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, financed by the Government of Sweden - until 31 December 1992;

4. Also notes with approval the extension by the Executive Director, under the authority delegated to him by the Secretary-General, of technical co-operation trust funds, as follows:

(a) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for Activities in Developing Countries on Environmental Awareness and Machinery, financed by the Government of Germany - until 31 December 1992;

(b) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Support the Clearing-house Mechanism through Provision of Consultancies on Strategies for Dealing with Serious Environmental Problems, financed by the Government of Norway - until 31 December 1991;

(c) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries to Take Action for the Protection of the Ozone Layer under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol, financed by the Government of Finland - until 31 December 1992;

(d) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Consultancies to Developing Countries, financed by the Government of Finland - until 31 December 1992;

(e) Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Promote Technical Co-operation and Assistance in Industrial, Environmental and Raw Material Management, financed by the Government of Sweden - until 31 December 1993;

5. Also notes with approval the change in name by the Executive Director under the authority delegated to him by the Secretary-General, of the technical co-operation trust fund entitled Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Experts to UNEP/GRID, financed by the Government of Denmark - until 31 December 1992.

6. Further notes with approval the closure by the Executive Director of the following technical co-operation trust funds:

(a) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Experts to the UNEP Ozone Layer Secretariat, financed by the Government of the United States of America;

(b) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the control of Environmental Health Hazards and Promotion of Chemical Safety, financed by the Government of Germany;

(c) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Experts to UNEP to Assist in the Development and Implementation of Policy Response Options Related to Climate Change, financed by the Government of the Netherlands;

(d) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers, financed by the Government of Finland;

7. Approves, subject to the approval of the Secretary-General, the extension of general trust funds, as follows:

(a) Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme - until 31 December 1993;

(b) Trust Fund for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora - until 31 December 1995;

(c) Trust Fund for the Environmental Training Network in Latin America and the Caribbean - until 31 December 1993;

8. Approves, subject to confirmation by the Governments concerned and the approval of the Secretary-General, the extension of general trust funds, as follows:

(a) Regional Seas Trust Fund for the Eastern African Region - until 31 December 1993;

(b) Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas - until 31 December 1993;

(c) Regional Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - until 30 June 1993;

(d) Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution - until 31 December 1993;

(e) Trust Fund for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the West and Central African Region - until 31 December 1993;

(f) Trust Fund for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals - until 31 December 1993;

(g) Trust Fund for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer - until 31 March 1995;

(h) Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer - until 31 March 1995;

9. Notes with approval the establishment authorized by the Secretary-General of the general trust fund entitled Trust Fund for the Interim Multilateral Fund under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer from 1 January 1991 through 31 December 1993 and the request made to the Executive Director to act as treasurer of the Fund;

10. Invites Governments to continue and increase their support in the form of funds for the employment in the United Nations Environment Programme of additional staff, both Junior Professional Officers and senior staff, including staff from developing countries;

11. Also invites Governments to increase their financial support to specific activities within the programme provided that this increase is not at the expense of increased contributions to the Environment Fund;

12. Urges intergovernmental organizations, regional banks, non-governmental organizations and private corporations to increase their financial support to activities within the approved programme;

13. Requests the Executive Director, in view of the proliferation of trust funds administered by the United Nations Environment Programme, to examine the possibility of reducing through amalgamation the number of such funds and report thereon to the Council at its seventeenth regular session.

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THE ENVIRONMENT FUND: USE OF RESOURCES IN 1990-1991 AND THE PROPOSED USE OF PROJECTED RESOURCES IN 1992-1993 AND 1994-1995

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Fund Committee

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Annual Reports of the Executive Director for 1989 and 1990 (UNEP/GC.16/2 and 3), as well as his report on the Environment Fund covering the use of resources in 1990-1991 and the proposed use of projected resources in 1992-1993 and 1994-1995 (UNEP/GC.16/23 and Corr.1 (English only) and 2 (Spanish only) and Add.1), together with his comments on the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1988-1989 ended 31 December 1989 and on the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,

1. Takes note of the comments of the Executive Director on the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1988-1989 ended 31 December 1989.

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments that have contributed or pledged to contribute to the Fund at a higher level in 1990, 1991 and beyond;

3. Reconfirms the target of $100 million for contributions to the Environment Fund by the year 1992 approved by the Council by paragraph 1 of section V of its decision 15/1 of 25 May 1989;

4. Notes the Executive Director's view that contributions of $250 million will be required by 1995 to allow the United Nations Environment Programme to fulfil its tasks;

5. Affirms in this regard the desirability of working towards a substantially higher level of contributions to the Environment Fund by 1995, fully commensurate with the demands placed upon the Programme as a result of the urgent and increasing environmental problems that the Programme must address;

6. Calls upon all Governments to contribute or to increase their contributions to the Environment Fund accordingly;

7. Notes with concern that although the overall level of contributions to the Environment Fund has increased, the number of countries contributing to the Fund has decreased, and calls upon all Governments that are not contributing to make every effort to do so;

8. Urges again all Governments to pay their contributions either before the end of the year preceding that to which their contributions relate or as near as possible to the beginning of the year to which they relate;

9. Approves an appropriation of $150 million for Fund programme activities for the biennium 1992-1993;

10. Decides to apportion the appropriation for Fund programme activities in that biennium as follows with the full programme for 1990-1991 indicated for comparison:

Programme/budget line		1992-1993* (United States dollars)	Percentage	1990-1991 (United States dollars)	Percentage
1.	Atmosphere			2 700 000	4.0
2.	Water			3 400 000	5.0
3.	Terrestrial ecosystems			11 900 000	17.5
4.	Oceans			7 000 000	10.3
5.	Lithosphere			600 000	0.9
6.	Human settlements and environment			1 300 000	1.9
7.	Human health and welfare			1 500 000	2.2
8.	Energy, industry and transportation			4 300 000	6.3
9.	Peace, security and the environment			400 000	0.6
10.	Environmental assessment			14 800 000	21.8
11.	Environmental management measures			3 900 000	5.7
12.	Environmental awareness			9 000 000	13.2
13.	Technical and regional co-operation			7 200 000	10.6
	Total	150 000 000		68 000 000	100.0

* The appropriation for 1992-1993 will be included in due course.

11. Approves an additional appropriation for Fund programme activities for the biennium 1992-1993 of $30 million on the understanding that this additional appropriatio will be used only as and when additional resources become available to the Environment Fund once the programme of $150 million has been initiated and after consultation with t Committee of Permanent Representatives;

12. Requests the Executive Director, in the event of a shortfall of the expected contributions below the level required to finance the agreed programme for 1992-1993 to [...]* in formulating his response to the shortfall, and to put his proposed response to the Committee of Permanent Representatives for review and approval;

13. Approves an appropriation of $5 million to the Fund programme reserve for the biennium 1992-1993;

14. Reconfirms the Executive Director's authority to adjust the apportionment for each budget line by 20 per cent, within the overall appropriation for Fund programme activities in 1992-1993;

15. Stresses again the need to maintain the liquidity of the Fund at all times;

16. Authorizes the Executive Director to enter into forward commitments not exceeding $20 million for Fund programme activities in 1994-1995;

17. Requests the Executive Director to draw up a programme for Fund activities in 1994-1995 with a core programme of $160 million and a supplementary programme of $40 million;

18. Requests the Executive Director to continue to keep the status of the Environment Fund under review and, in the event that he considers it necessary to adjust the 1994-1995 planning figures, to report thereon to the Committee of Permanent Representatives and, additionally, in the event that contributions to the Environment Fu continue to increase at a high rate, to consult with the Committee of Permanent Representatives with regard to drawing up an additional programme;

19. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its regular meetings on matters relating to programme implementation and planning, including expenditure and income profiles and planning assumptions at the programme activity level;

20. Requests the Executive Director to consider ways of ensuring a more stable and wider basis for voluntary contributions to the Environment Fund [including possible use c indicative comparisons with the United Nations scale of assessment] and to report thereon to the Governing Council at its next session.

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* A brief description or reference to the approach recommended by the Programme Committee will be inserted here.